

# **Budget Cycle and Forms Overview**

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# **Budget Process**

- Prepare budget.
- Advertise "Notice to Taxpayers."
- Public hearings.
- Non-Binding County Fiscal Body Recommendation.
- Adoption.
- Submission to the Department via Gateway.
- The Department certifies budget, rate, levy, and issues a final budget order on or before February 15.



#### What are Budget Workshops?

- A meeting with your Budget Field Rep where you bring financial information and they can:
  - Work through several budget forms.
  - Help ensure timely public and adoption meetings.
  - Answer budget questions.
- Most non-school units have the opportunity to have many of the more difficult forms uploaded into Gateway.



#### What to Bring to Budget Workshops

- Financial report or ledger totals for first six months expenditures broken down by fund.
- List of encumbrances.
- Cash balance as of June 30 for each fund.
- Any investments.
- Any Reduction Ordinances/Additional Appropriations done the first 6 months or planned for the second 6 months.
- Completed and totaled Form 1's (next year's budget) for each fund.



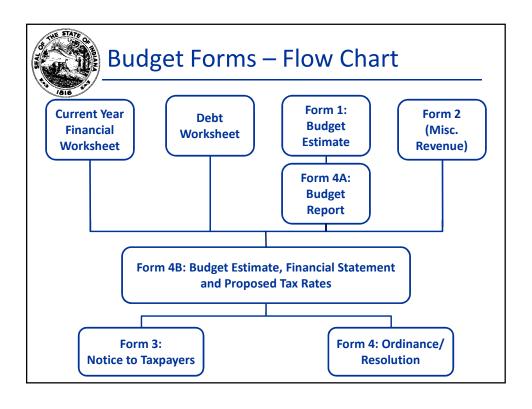
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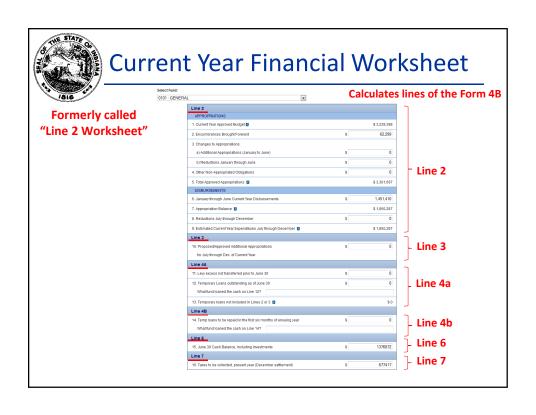
- Completed Form 2's (revenue estimates) for each fund or Financial Report of revenues.
- Amortization Schedules (units with debt).
- Confirmed public hearing and adoption dates along with times of each meeting.
- The address of the office and meeting locations.



#### A Note about the Budget Forms

- The Department is implementing updates to the budget forms to account for Senate Bill 321.
- Senate Bill 321 makes a variety of changes to the budget process. Most immediately:
  - Units will receive max levy in July and circuit breaker estimates from the Department by Aug.
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  - Units must consider net property tax revenue when formulating budgets.
- SB321 guidance related to the budget forms will be released in the weeks ahead.







#### **Current Year Financial Worksheet**

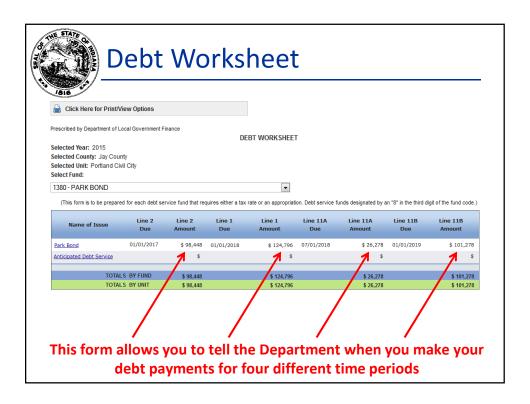
- CYFW Shows snapshot of budget and financial standings as of June 30.
- This form should be completed for each fund.
- It calculates 6 "lines" of the Form 4B.



#### **Current Year Financial Worksheet**

- Most common lines:
  - Line 2 Budget left to spend in the last 6 months.
  - Line 6 June 30 cash balance.
  - Line 7 Property taxes to be received in the last 6 months.

Most non-school units can have this form uploaded into Gateway at budget workshops.





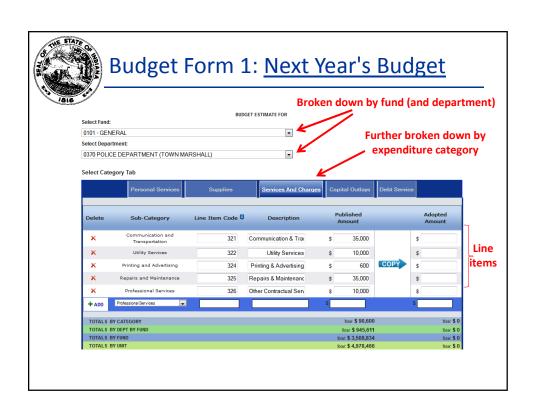
#### **Debt Worksheet**

- Debt Worksheet captures the payments needing to be made in a 2.5 year period.
  - Last 6 months of current year (July thru Dec.).
  - All the ensuing budget year.
  - First 6 months of the following year (Jan. thru June).
  - Second 6 months of the following year (July through Dec).



## Debt Worksheet

- Amortization schedules will be used to verify payments.
- New debts must be closed on by December 31 of the current year to receive a property tax levy.
- If you do not have any debt, you may skip the Debt Worksheet.





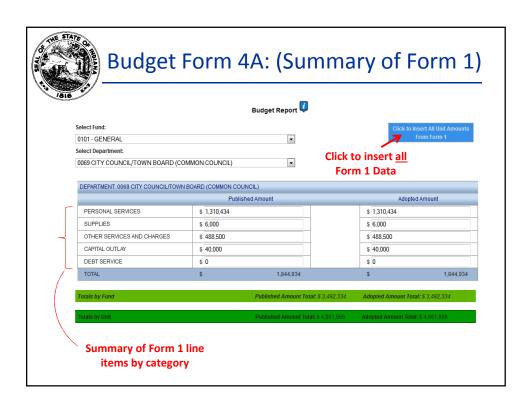
#### Budget Form 1: Next Year's Budget

- Budget Form 1 Budget Estimate
  - Form 1 is divided into six\* categories:
    - 1) Personal services
    - 2) Supplies
    - 3) Other services and charges
    - 4) Capital outlays
    - 5) Township assistance (Townships only)
    - 6) Debt service
    - 7) \*(Possibly) Circuit Breakers



#### Budget Form 1: Next Year's Budget

- This form breaks down budgeted "line items" by fund and expense category.
- Each fund has its own Form 1.
- If a fund has departments, each department in a fund will have a separate Form 1.
- Amounts are separated into Advertised and Adopted columns.
- Form 1 data will be pulled into Form 4A.

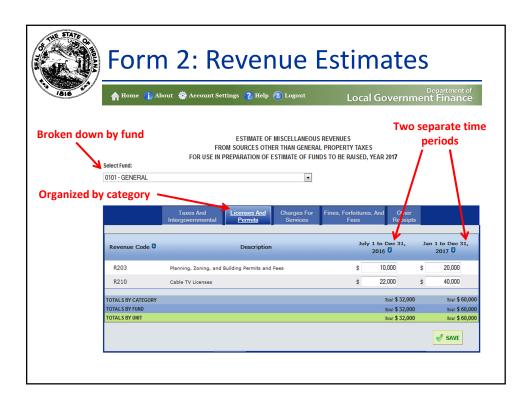




#### **Budget Form 4A**

- Budget Form 4A Summary of Form 1
  - Lists a fund's budget summarized by expenditure category.
  - If fund is departmentalized, it breaks down amounts by department as well.
  - Two columns:
    - Original advertised budget
    - Adopted budget

Click the "Insert" button to pull data from Form 1.





# Budget Form 2

- Budget Form 2 Estimate of Miscellaneous Revenue
  - Accounts for revenue other than property taxes.
  - Each fund has its own Form 2.

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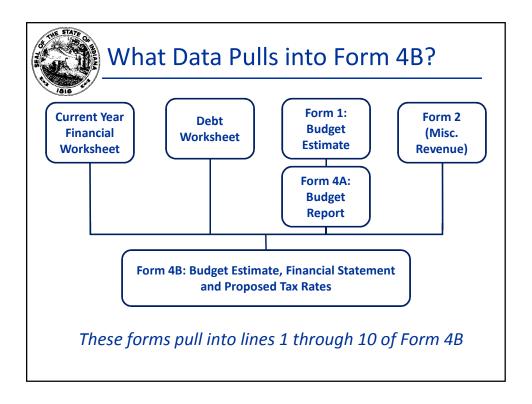
## Budget Form 2

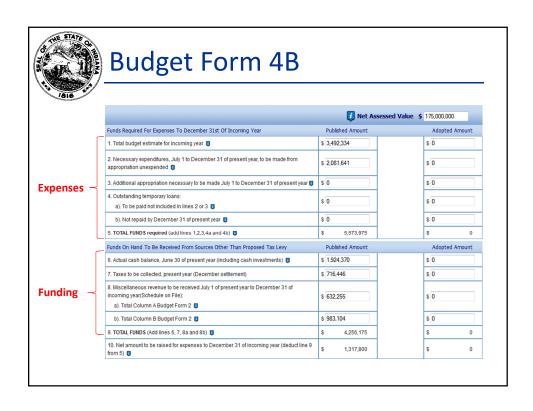
 Column A is for revenue to be received July 1 to Dec. 31 of the current year.

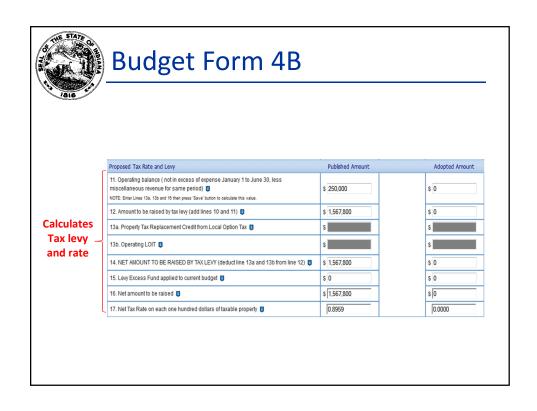
Column A amount will transfer from the Form 2 to Line 8A of the Form 4B.

 Column B is for revenue to be received Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the ensuing budget year.

Column B amount will transfer from the Form 2 to Line 8B of the Form 4B.









## **Budget Form 4B**

- Budget Form 4B Financial Statement
  - Also known as the "16 Line Statement" or the "Fund Report"
- Shows financial snapshot for an 18-month period.
- Two columns:
  - Advertised Reflects budget, rate, and levy as prepared by the fiscal officer.
  - Adopted Reflects budget, rate, and levy as approved by the fiscal body.



## **Budget Form 4B**

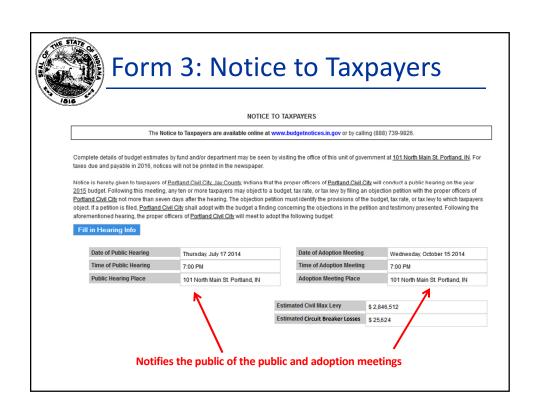
- Provides estimated levy and tax rate per fund.
- Lines 1-10 pull in from other forms
- Lines 11-17 are to calculate a property tax levy and rate (Gateway Calculator can help!)

Published column can be uploaded at budget workshops for most non-school units.



## County Council Review

- The previous process has been repealed.
- A new process is in place.
  - No forms required to be submitted by nonbinding units. "Binding" units still submit budget.
  - Takes place at county council's first meeting in August.
  - County council to review the Department's provided estimates for max levy and circuit breaker losses.
  - County Council may issue written recommendations, but if not, it must send meeting minutes to the units.





## Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

Notifies taxpayers of proposed <u>Budget</u> and <u>Property</u> Tax Levy, by fund. /

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1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy
0101-GENERAL	\$3,411,319	\$2,027,743	\$0	\$1,912,496
0341-FIRE PENSION	\$153,925	\$0	\$0	\$0
0342-POLICE PENSION	\$90,369	\$0	\$0	\$0
0706-LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$23,101	\$0	\$0	\$0



#### Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

- Advertised online by submitting Form 3 in Gateway at least 10 days before public hearing.
- At least 10 days between public hearing and adoption.
- 10 or more taxpayers can file an objecting petition within
   7 days of the public hearing.
- If there are any objections, the fiscal body of the political subdivision must adopt with its budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and any testimony presented at the adoption hearing. Failure to do so may jeopardize approval of the unit's proposed budgets, rates, and levies.



#### Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

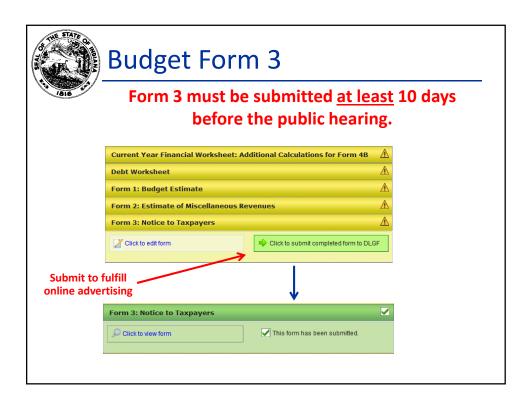
- Deadlines
  - Public Hearing no later than Oct. 22.
  - · Adoption Meeting no later than Nov. 1.
  - Dates subject to change due to non-business days.
     Review the annual budget calendar for official dates.
- Required Information to be advertised
  - Date, time, and location of public hearing and adoption meeting.
  - Estimated maximum levy and circuit breaker impact.
  - Fund name, budget estimate, fund levy, excessive levy appeal, and current fund levy.

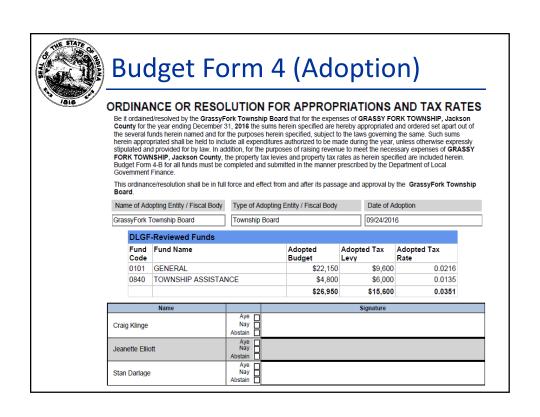


#### Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers

- Question to be answered when completing the Form 3:
  - Has the territory of the unit changed?
    - Annexations
    - Extensions of Services
  - This question will impact how the unit is handled for the purposes of online ads.

Most non-school units can have this form uploaded into Gateway at budget workshops.







### **Budget Form 4 (Adoption)**

- Budget Form 4 Adoption Ordinance/Resolution
  - Fiscal body adopts the Form 4, approving budgets, tax levies, and tax rates.
  - Budgets, tax levies, and tax rates for all funds must be listed.
- Budgets, Tax Levies, and Tax Rates transfer from Line 1, 16, and 17 of the Form 4B's adopted column.
  - Double and triple check the amounts on the Form 4 for each fund. These are the amounts being formally adopted.



## **Budget Form 4 (Adoption)**

- Adoption date should be the same as shown on Form 3.
- Attestation line applies only to counties, cities, and towns. Mayor Action line only applies to cities.
- The voting members must mark their vote <u>and</u> sign the Form 4.
- After adoption the signed Form 4 must be scanned and uploaded into Gateway.



## 1782 Notice Recipients

# 1782 Notice Recipients Use this form to register any recipients of this unit's 1782 notice e-mail. Contact Name Contact Email Phone Number (Optional) Action Burt Reynolds breynolds@email.com (555) 123-4567 Edit—Delete Letty Dorman Idorman@email.com (555) 765-4321 Add

- After the Department works your budget, a "1782 Notice" is emailed to everyone on this form. This notice contains the budgets, levies, and rates about to be certified.
- You will have 10 days to respond with recommended changes.
- The Department recommends adding multiple recipients to this form.



- Within 48 hours of adoption, the Signed Form 4 needs to be scanned and uploaded into Gateway.
- The same 48 hour timeline applies to submitting the remaining budget forms in Gateway.



### **QUESTIONS??**



## Resources

- User Guides
- Department Memos (Budget Calendar and more!)

www.in.gov/dlgf/2444

- Email
- Call



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